

Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition



Homelessness will be Rare, Brief, and Non-Recurring

SVHC General Membership MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2023

Attendees:

John Guglielmino, Norfolk Community Services Board
Alicia Hensley, ForKids Inc.
Maddie Zingraff, Virginia Supportive Housing
Evie Woods, HVAMC
Jan Pruden, Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk
Rebecca Brown, Senior Services
Kim Wasserburg, Virginia Veteran & Family Support
Fatima Tomlin, Senior Services
Melissa Peele, Firm Foundation
Angela Gaskins, South Norfolk Memorial Library
Elizabeth Elliot; Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation

Vantoria Clay, Endependence Center
Alicia Matthew; St. Columba
Annette Myrick, YWCA
Nathan Ruckman, Virginia Supportive Housing
Del Davis, Virginia Supportive Housing
Taquan Kates, Esq., Legal Aid
Natalie Jackson, The Planning Council
Amanda Brandenburg, The Planning Council

Welcome- Natalie Jackson called the meeting of the Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition (SVHC) to order at 12:32pm.

Approval of Minutes: Nathan Ruckman made a motion to approve the minutes. Jan Pruden seconded the motion. Minutes were approved for the January 11, 2023, General Membership meeting with no noted corrections.

Program Spotlight:

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.: Presenter Alicia Mathews, Director of Ministries, with St. Columba provided an overview of the agency's Day Center, Food Pantry, and Prescription, Vision, and Dental programs. Alicia highlighted the Day Center Program which serves homeless adults with no identification requirements or residency restrictions. The program provides: bagged lunches, showers, hygiene products, advocacy, outreach, safe spaces, VISPDATs for eligible clients, and clothing assistance as available. In addition, St. Columba's Food Pantry Program provides food assistance to household's based on household size once every 30 days. The agency does ask for ID and basic information for continuity of service. Case managers can assist their clients with pick-ups without their client present. Lastly, Alicia provided updates on the Prescription, Vision, and Dental program and reviewed the referral process. The program serves homeless persons in Norfolk who lack the resources to obtain these services on their own.

Governing Board Announcement:

Sharonita Cousin, Associate Director of Client Programs, with Virginia Supportive Housing has been elected as Vice Chair of the SVHC Governing Board.

Funding Updates:

- The CoC is still awaiting a determination from HUD regarding the 4.2 million in funding that the CoC applied for through the FY22 HUD CoC Program.
- The CoC applied for funding via the HUD Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness in October 2022. The Southeastern Virginia Homeless Coalition was not awarded funding through this program, however HUD announced that they intend to announce additional awards through this program in the coming weeks.

RoundTable Updates

- Jan Pruden announced that the CAPS Night Stay Program will end on March 28, 2023.

Next Meeting – Next Meeting on May 10th, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Virtual